## STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES STATE LANDS DIVISION

## INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR THE LEASE OF STATE LAND FOR BILLBOARD SITES LOCATED IN MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA

Notice is hereby given pursuant to <u>Code of Alabama</u>, 1975, Section 9-15-70 et seq. that sealed bids for the lease of state property will be received by the State Lands Director until December 6, 2007, at 2:00 p.m., at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read in the office of the State Lands Division, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, 464 Folsom Administrative Building, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-1901.

The parcels are located in Mobile County on the North side of the Mobile Causeway and are more particularly described as follows:

\*A 12'x48' parcel located on the N/S of the Mobile Causeway at mile post no. 28.16R; 3,767' west of old Tensaw River Bridge Slab;

\*A 12'x48' parcel located on the N/S of the Mobile Causeway at mile post no. 28.40R; 2,449' west of old Tensaw River Bridge Slab;

\*A 12'x48' parcel located on the N/S of the Mobile Causeway at mile post 28.61R; 1,344' west of old Tensaw River Bridge Slab; and

\*A 12'x48' parcel located on the N/S of the Mobile Causeway at State post no. 28.71R; 579' west of old Tensaw River Bridge Slab.

The MINIMUM BID for the subject property is set at \$500.00 per year. All four parcels are combined for purposes of this bid. Bids on separate parcels will not be considered. Each bid submitted must be accompanied by a <u>certified</u> or <u>cashier's</u> check in the amount of \$500.00 as a bid deposit made payable to the State Lands Division which will be forfeited if the bid is accepted and the Bidder does not complete the transaction. Any bid submitted without such check will not be considered. Unsuccessful bidders' deposits will be returned promptly following the bid opening. The successful bidder's deposit will be applied to the first year's rental.

Any lease awarded at this sale shall be on the standard Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' billboard site lease form, have a term of fifteen (15) years and provide the following:

- The above described parcels may be utilized for the sole purpose of erecting advertising billboards.
- The successful bidder will be required to erect at least one digital display billboard on one of the subject parcels.

- As part of the consideration of the lease, the State Lands Division will require the Lessee, free of all costs, including, but not limited to, set-up fees and layout fees, to provide one sixth (1/6) of every digital display cycle on the largest digital sign on the premises.
- At least one digital display must be installed and be operative within ninety (90) days from the effective date of the lease.

All bids submitted must be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope "SEALED BID FOR MOBILE CAUSEWAY BILLBOARD SITES, MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA, NOT TO BE OPENED UNTIL DECEMBER 6, 2007, AT 2:00 p.m." and mailed to: State Lands Division, Room 464, Folsom Administrative Building, 64 North Union Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36130. Also the successful bidder should enclose in the sealed envelope, as an addendum to its bid, a schedule of its usual fees for the digital display billboard advertising.

NO BID SHALL BE RECEIVED FOR ANY REASON ANY TIME AFTER THE ADVERTISED DEADLINE.

The successful bidder must execute the lease within 30 days of award or forfeit the bid deposit. Specification of a minimum bid amount to be considered does not suggest acceptance of any bid which may exceed that amount. The State does not warrant nor guarantee title to the lands herein advertised.

This invitation for bids is made pursuant to the provisions of the Alabama Land Sales and Leasing Act (Act 95-280) and/or other laws of the State of Alabama governing this transaction whether or not included in this notice. The State reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to negotiate a higher lease price with the highest bidder for the lease of the property. No lease may be made at a price less than the highest bid received or published minimum, whichever is highest.

The property may be inspected at any time before December 6, 2007, at 2:00 p.m., by contacting the State Lands Division. Persons desiring further information regarding this sale may contact the State Lands Division at the above address, or by telephone at (334) 242-3484.

James H. Griggs State Lands Directo

11/05/07 DATE